

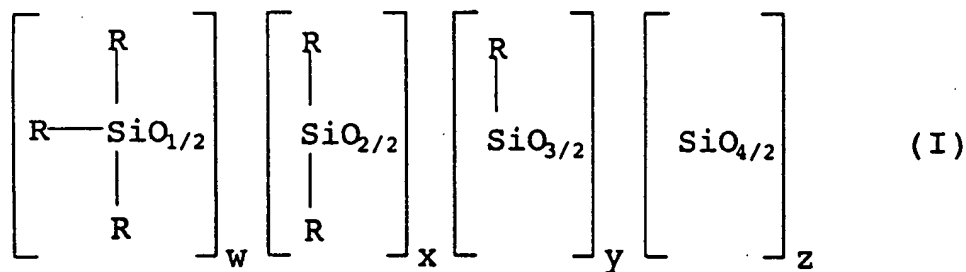
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS (AS ON AMENDED ANNEX SHEETS)

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) An additive mixture consisting of a component A and a component B, where

- i) component A is at least one polysiloxane antifoam and
- ii) component B is at least one partially or completely neutralized fatty acid, a long-chain carboxylic acid, an ester of such a carboxylic acid or a mixture comprising at least one of these compounds.

2. (original) An additive mixture as claimed in claim 1, which comprises, as component A, at least one polysiloxane of the general formula I



where

the R radicals are each independently an R¹, R², R³, R⁴ or R⁵ radical where

R¹ is an aromatic or saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical,

R² is an organic polyol,

R³ is a polyether radical,

R⁴ is a phenol radical,

R⁵ is an R² radical, except that some or all of the hydroxyl groups have been converted to diesters, diethers, acetals and/or ketals,

$$w = 2 + y + 2z,$$

y and z are each independently a number from 0 to 2 where the sum of y and z corresponds to a number from 0 to 2 and

$w + x + y + z = \text{from } 20 \text{ to } 60.$

3. (original) An additive mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein, in component A, R^1 is C_1 - C_{24} -alkyl, C_3 - C_{24} -cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_{24} -alkylcycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} -aryl or C_7 - C_{18} -arylalkyl,

R^2 is a saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical which is substituted by at least two hydroxyl groups and is optionally interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms,

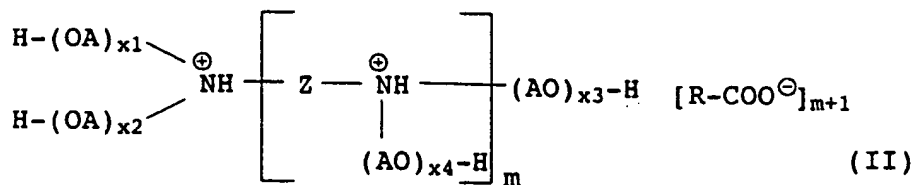
R^3 is a polyether radical which contains at least 50% by weight of copolymerized ethylene oxide units and has a molecular weight of up to 1500,

the quotient of the number of R^1 groups to the number of R^2 groups (R^1/R^2) is from 3 to 19 and

the quotient of the sum of the number of R^3 , R^4 and R^5 groups to the number of R^2 groups $[(R^3+R^4+R^5)/R^2]$ is from 0 to 2.

4. (currently amended) An additive mixture as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein component B comprises at least one fatty acid neutralized by at least one amine.

5. (original) An additive mixture as claimed in claim 4, wherein component B comprises at least one fatty acid salt of the formula II



where

R is C_7 - C_{23} -alkyl or mono- or polyunsaturated C_7 - C_{23} -alkenyl, each of which are optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups;

A is C_2 - C_8 -alkylene;

Z is C₁-C₈-alkylene, C₃-C₈-cycloalkylene, C₆-C₁₂-arylene or C₇-C₂₀-arylalkylene;

m is a number from 0 to 5; and

x¹, x², x³ and x⁴ are each independently a number from 0 to 24,

and optionally at least one further fatty acid RCOOH where R is as defined above.

6. (currently amended) An additive mixture as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein component B comprises at least one saturated or unsaturated mono- or polycarboxylic acid having from 4 to 50 carbon atoms or at least one ester of such a carboxylic acid with a mono- or polyhydric alcohol having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and from 1 to 8 hydroxyl groups.

7. (currently amended) An additive mixture as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein component A and component B are present in a weight ratio of from 1:200 to 1:10.

8. (currently amended) A method of additizing fuel compositions comprising adding to a fuel composition ~~The use of an additive mixture as defined in any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 for additizing fuel compositions.

9. (currently amended) The method ~~use~~ as claimed in claim 8 wherein the additive mixture improves ~~for improving~~ the antifoam performance of a fuel composition.

10. (currently amended) A method of improving the antifoam action of a polysiloxane antifoam in fuel compositions comprising including in the polysiloxane antifoam ~~The use of~~ at least one partially or completely neutralized fatty acid, a long-chain carboxylic acid, an ester of such a carboxylic acid or a mixture comprising at least one of these compounds ~~for improving the antifoam action of a polysiloxane antifoam in fuel compositions.~~

11. (currently amended) A fuel composition comprising a majority of a hydrocarbon fuel and an effective amount of an additive mixture as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1.

12. (original) A fuel composition comprising a majority of a hydrocarbon fuel and an effective amount of an additive mixture, which comprises

- i) as component A, at least one polysiloxane antifoam and
 - ii) as component B, at least one fatty acid partially or completely neutralized by at least one amine,
- and optionally at least one further additive.

13. (Currently Amended) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 11 ~~or 12 or the use as claimed in any of claims 8 to 10~~, wherein the fuel is diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.

14. (original) A fuel composition or the use as claimed in claim 13, wherein the diesel fuel is one obtainable by refining, coal gasification or gas liquefaction, or a mixture thereof with renewable fuels.

15. (currently amended) An additive concentrate comprising an additive mixture as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 and at least one diluent.

16. (New) The fuel composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the fuel is diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.

17. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the additive mixture is added to a diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.

18. (New) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the polysiloxane antifoam is added to a diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.